

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Kenneth D. Simone, Jr.  
Serial No.: 09/658,298  
Filed: September 8, 2000  
Group No.: 2142  
Confirmation No. 3516  
Examiner: Beatriz Prieto  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR COMMUNICATING  
DURING AUTOMATED DATA PROCESSING

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

In response to the Final Office Action dated March 14, 2006, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following comments.